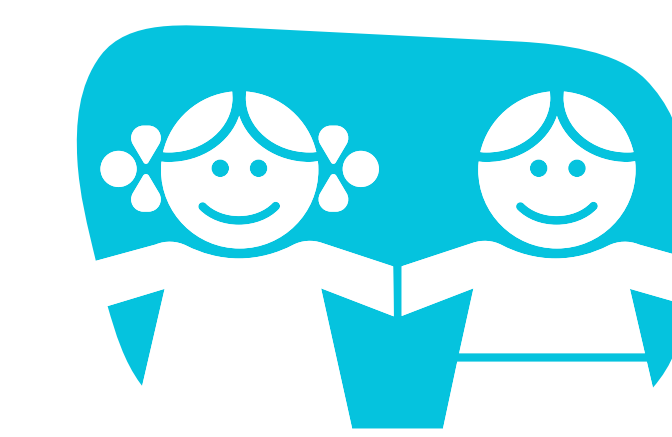


Stop the Stigma: Human Trafficking



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Problem statement

There is limited knowledge regarding human trafficking and education available for healthcare providers and ancillary staff in the emergency department.

Final PICO question

In the pediatric population, does mandatory education and training to identify victims of human trafficking in comparison to current practice increase the number of trafficking survivors identified?

Evidence summary and recommendations

Evidence Summary

- Education needed for staff on annual basis.
- Education should be made mandatory.
- Raise awareness about human trafficking among patients and families through routine anticipatory guidance and screening questions during regular visits.
- Validated tools should be able to cross language barriers.

Recommendations

- Collect pre-data from staff about awareness of human trafficking.
- Educate staff on human trafficking.
- Conduct post-survey to see effectiveness of training.
- Track referrals made to social services following training.
- If supported, create annual education training for emergency department staff for annual competency retention.

Implementation and results

An educational PowerPoint was created to give staff an overview of human trafficking

Created icon under Psychosocial assessment in EPIC narrator for ED nursing staff: "concern for human trafficking"

If this box was checked, it would prompt the nurse to have a conversation with the social worker and physician caring for the patient to voice concerns.

Referral would be made to CARE Center for follow-up upon discharge.

After implementation, there was 1 concern documented by RN

Patient was previously being monitored as a victim and continues to be monitored by specialists.

Psychosocial (WDL) [WDL=Within Defined Limits] [X=Exceptions to WDL] [U=Unchanged Unless Documented]

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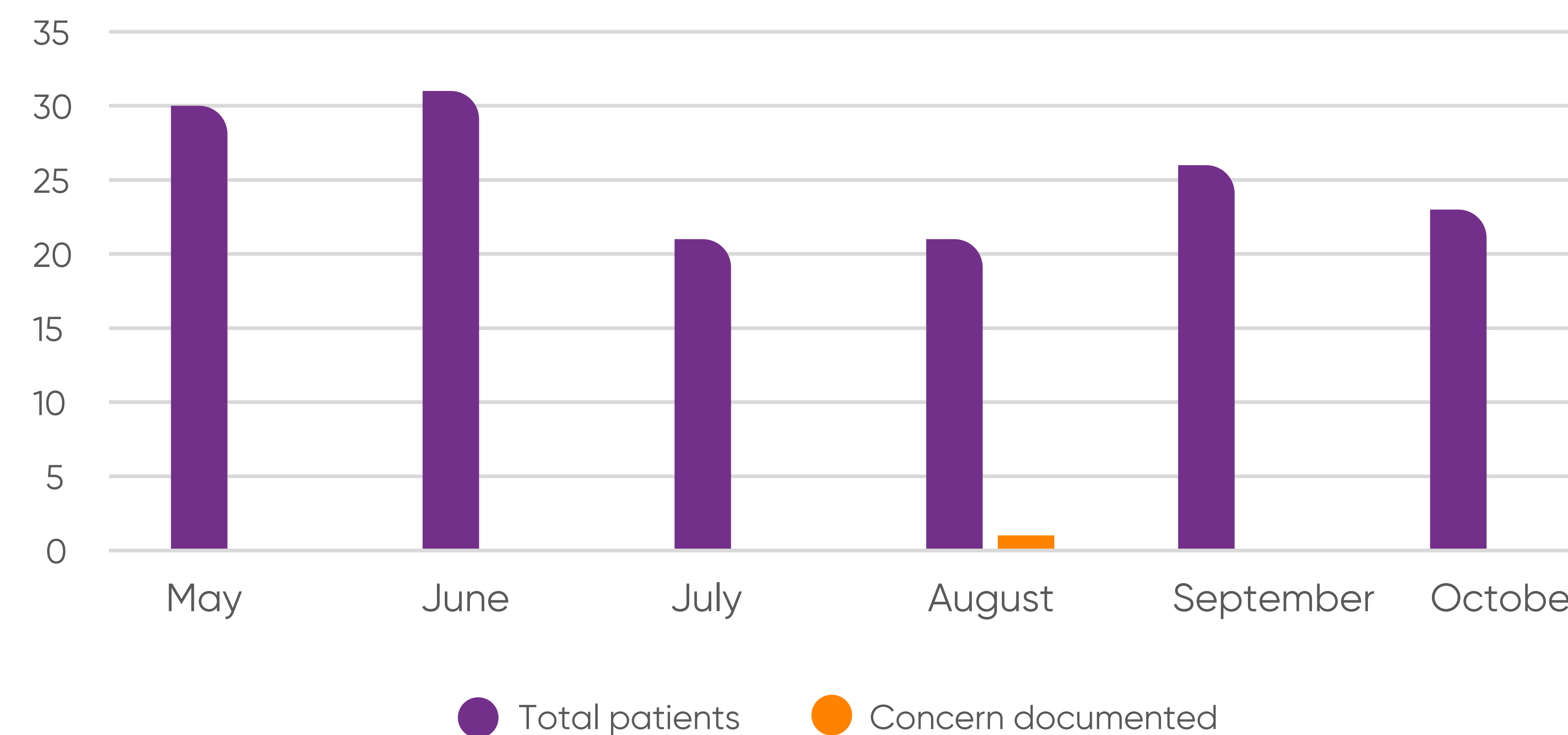
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Are there signs/clinical indicators of abuse/neglect? [No signs of abuse/neglect] [Yes, signs of abuse/neglect exist (if yes, then comment)]

Concern for Human Trafficking? [Yes]

Parent/Other Involvement [Attentive to patient needs] [No involvement] [Spot] [Other (Comment)]

"Concern for Abuse" monthly census



Conclusion

Awaiting post-survey data to see the effectiveness of training.

Education should be provided to all new employees hired in within 3 months of orientation completion.

Annual education and training should be mandatory.

The search for resources is ongoing. Updates for community resources are currently being reviewed.